

**CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
March 27, 2017**

1. A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Country Club Hills, County of Cook, State of Illinois, was held in the City Hall, 4200 W. 183rd Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable James W. Ford, Mayor.

a. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those in attendance.

2. **THOSE ON ROLL CALL ANSWERING PRESENT WERE:**

Aldermen Lockett, Davis, Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

Also present were: City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain and City Attorney Judy Kolman. Judge Michael Stuttley served as parliamentarian.

Absent was City Treasurer Argie Johnson-Martin.

2a Invocation - the invocation was given.

3. **Journal of Proceedings**

A. **Approval of Minutes -**

1. **Administrative Meeting March 6, 2017**

2. **Regular City Council Meeting - March 13, 2017**

Alderman Lockett moved for Council approval of the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 6, 2017 and the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 13, 2017. Second - Alderman Glispie. Discussion - none. Motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Meeting of March 6, 2017 and the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of March 13, 2017 Carried Via Voice Vote.

4. **Communications and Reports by the Mayor:**

A. **Proclamation - Declaring March 19, 2017 as Tim Jones Day in Country Club Hills**

Alderman Lockett explained that a proclamation was being issued declaring March 19, 2017 as Tim Jones Day in Country Club Hills. He stated that Tim is a part of the Country Club Hills family as he is the son of Police Chief Williams Jones. Public Safety Director William, Brown accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Jones family.

**5. City Collector's Report**

City Collector, Deborah McIlvain, gave the collector's report for the month ending February 29, 2017 citing revenues received in various funds.

**6. City Clerk's Report**

City Clerk, Deborah McIlvain stated that early voting had begun for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 5, 2017. She stated that the polls are on Election Day, April 4, 2017 from 6 am to 7 pm. Additional information can be obtained by calling her office.

**7. Committee Reports**

**I. Finance: Alderman Davis, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting April 6, 2017 5 pm)**

**A. Approval of Vouchers - March 27, 2017**

Alderman Davis moved for Council approval of vouchers in the amount of \$577,991.65. Second - Alderman Lockett. Discussion - Alderman Davis explained that this included Ap Contracts, Expenses, Refunds, Payroll A/P and theater wires for Bobby Rush and Gerald Albright..

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 4 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis Glispie, and Spivey.  
1 Nays Alderman Evans

Alderman Evans cast a no vote for the theater wires.

0 Absent:

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.**

Alderman Davis reminded everyone of the finance committee meeting scheduled for April 6, 2017 at 5 pm.

**II. Law, Ordinance, Government Operations & Alderman Evans, Chairman  
Contract Compliance (April 6, 2017 6:30 pm)**

Alderman Evans reminded everyone of the committee meeting scheduled for April 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm

**A. Approval - An Ordinance Amending Section 14.4.01 of the Country Club Hills City Code to Adopt Updated Model Codes**

Alderman Evans moved for Council approval of Ordinance No OA-03-17, An Ordinance Amending Section 14.4.01 of the Country Club Hills City Code to Adopt Updated Model Codes. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - it was explained that this would provide updates and current model building codes, had been discussed at the committee level and at the administrative meeting and was recommended for approval by the Council

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 5 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.**

**III. Public Works and Utilities Alderman Glispie, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting April 17, 2017 5 pm)**

**A. Approval - A Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Funds Program Year 2017**

Alderman Glispie moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-03-17, A Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Funds Program Year 2017.. Second - Alderman Davis. Discussion - It was explained that this that this would allow for the City to apply for CDBG funds that may assist in street repairs with an 80/20 split. The City received funding previously. This was discussed at the administrative meeting and recommended to the full Council for approval.

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 5 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.**

**IV. Economic Development, Planning, Zoning & Economic Development**

**Alderman Spivey, Chairman (April 6, 2017 6:00 pm)**

Alderman Spivey moved for Council approval of Resolution No R-04-17 A Resolution Approving the Development and Economic Incentive Agreement Between the City of Country Club Hills and the Country Club Hills Plaza LLC and Country Club Hills Lot 17, LLC and of Ordinance No O-03-17, An Ordinance Abating Certain Real Estate Property Taxes (Country Club Hills Plaza LLC/Country Club Hills Lot 17/LLC). Second - Adleman Glispie . Discussion Alderman Davis stated that there had not been sufficient time for discussion of these items. Alderman Lockett moved that these two items be tabled. Second -Adleman Davis. Roll Call Vote on Motion to Table as Follows:

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 5 Ayes: Aldermen Lockett, Davis Glispie, Evans and Spivey.

0 Nays

0 Absent:

**Motion Declared Carried and Hereby Made a Part of the Original Journal of proceedings this date.**

Adleman Spivey reminded everyone of the upcoming committee meeting and stated that the progress on the Atrium Banquet Hall was moving forward.

**V. Insurance, Risk Management & Personnel Alderman Lockett, Chairman  
(Committee Meeting TBA)**

Alderman Lockett stated that discussions had been held in closed session so there is no formal report.

Alderman Lockett moved to open the floor to the public. Second - Alderman Davis. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Dwyer Williams, Country Club Hills, stated that he still had questions regarding credit card spending, spending at stores in other locations and especially the charges for adapters at Guitar Center. Mayor Ford explained that the purchases were for amplifiers, not adapters.
- Hosea Gray, Country Club Hills, inquired as to swimming programs for children,

- suggested a need for campaign etiquette, stated that there was a staff member with a potential pension issue due to “double dipping”, cited fund balances given at the last meeting by the treasurer, and asked if the firm (Tucker Development) referred to in the tabled agreements was the same as the Tucker Development of Highland Park.
- Izella Rogers, Country Club Hills, addressed her comments to Alderman Lockett and mentioned comments he had made at a previous meeting regarding his health. She commented on a letter of endorsement that omitted endorsements for Aldermen Davis and Evans and stated that she felt the City had initiated and/or authorized the combining of some of the City’s precincts.
- L. Robinson, Country Club Hills, stated that he had applied for several city positions over the past 10 years, was qualified for those to which he had applied and had never been given the opportunity for a n interview.
- Harry William Jones, Jr., Country Club Hills, suggested that only applicants who resided in Markham were recently employed by the City, stated that the Fire Chief and Public Works director do not live in the City ( and stated that the Fire Chief is a convicted felon).
- Ken Daniels, Country Club Hills, inquired as to when the Treasurer’s Report is on the agenda. Mayor Ford explained that the Treasurer’s report was on the agenda of the last City council meeting.
- Clifton Graham, Country Club Hills, stated that he hears everyone complaining about different people in different positions but feels that Alderman Lockett has always been consistent and has made a decent effort to bring about change.
- Harry Evans, Country Club Hills stated that he feels that Aldermen Davis and Evans do a good job. He stated that many of the City’s parks are undergoing renovation with new equipment and ADA accessibility.
- Leon Williams, Country Club “Hills stated that he, as an experienced director of maintenance, had applied for Public Works positions and agreed with Harry Jones as he had never been interviewed. He also stated that he felt Aldermen Davis and Evans were doing a good job.
- Cynthia Debow, Country Club Hills, stated that she is for right and against wron and that independent thinking is needed and all must do their due diligence.

Alderman Lockett moved that the floor be closed to the public. Second - Alderman Glispie.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

**9. Aldermen’s Reports**

- Alderman Spivey stated that a Ward 4 meeting will be held on April 13 at 7 pm, that street repairs were being discussed with Robinson Engineering, that the Council is doing its very best and there are new businesses coming to Country Club Hills such as the new Shrimp Express II.
- Alderman Evans stated that a committee meeting will be held on April 6, at 6:30 pm and explained that culvert repair can be funded by MFT funds in addition to street repairs. She stated that she does not want the theater to fail; however, she cannot support any funds for the theater. She stated that funds should be spent on streets. She stated that several new businesses are coming to Country Club Hills and announced that Priscilla’s

Soul Food Café was opening in Hazel Crest on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street.

- Alderman Glispie directed his comments to Harry William Jones, Jr. and stated that he thought Mr. Jones was entitled to his opinion but appeared to be very angry. He reminded Mr. Jones that he (Jones) had run for Mayor at one time and had been “rejected” as well.
- Alderman Lockett expressed his thanks to Ms. Rogers and her concern for his well-being, that he would continue to do his job as alderman as he always has and that he would be the alderman for the next 4 years. He stated that the Fire Department is in need of a driveway, that vehicle stickers should be instituted again and the revenues be used for street repairs. He thanked all for their attendance and reminded everyone to vote and make the best choice.
- Alderman Davis stated that the CDBG application approved this evening was similar to and application that had resulted in monies for street repairs. He stated that he is hoping for repairs for Cypress and Chestnut. He stated that he is glad that he is not endorsed as he works for the people. He thanked Park District Commissioner Evans for his efforts and stated that as alderman, he will continue to put the people first.

Mayor Ford stated that he is happy, healthy and pleased to serve the community of Country Club Hills. He stated that 1.7 million was put into the street program in 2015 and \$200,000 was put into the program in 2016 with the possibility of an additional \$400,000 in 2017. He stated that the City is making every possible effort to get the streets done and do the best for the residents of Country Club Hills.

He announced that US Representative Robin Kelly was hosting an employment fair on April 1 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Thornton High School Field House and that a training program for teens interested in preparing for this summer job program could attend a preparation session on Wednesday March 29 from 5-7 in room T107.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Lockett. Second Alderman Evans. Motion Carried Via Voice Vote and hereby made a part of the original journal of proceedings this date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah M. McIlvain, City Clerk